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SUBJ: GRADUATE STUDENTS IN THE ARTS

REF: A) STATE 182560; B) STATE 132278 C) STATE 150874

1. MINCULT HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THEY HAVE PLACED TWO AMERICAN GRADUATE STUDENTS IN THE ARTS, NCHARLES NICIDICH AND ANNA MISHAKOVA, BOTH AT MOSCOW CONSERVATORY. THEY WILL BE EXPECTED TO TAKE AUDITION/INTERVIEW PRIOR TO ENROLLMENT, AS IS CUSTOMARY WITH ALL ENTERING STUDENTS.

2. IN INITIAL BACKGROUND CONVERSATION EARLY AFTERNOON AUGUST FOUR MINCULT TOLD EMBASSY THAT THEY CONSIDERED QUOTA OF TWO A STRICT RECIPROCAL EXCHANGE--THEY WERE PREPARED TO NOMINATE ONLY TWO AND THEREFORE TOOK ONLY TWO AMERICANS. THEY MADE CLEAR THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO NEGATIVE JUDGMENT OF CANDIDATES NOT SELECTED; THE CEILING OF TWO WAS THE SOLE FACTOR.

3. HOWEVER, ON CHECKING THESE ACCEPTED NAMES AGAINST ORIGINAL NOMINATION PANEL, WE FIND THAT WHILE NEIDICH IS FROM PANEL, MISHAKOVA IS UNKNOWN TO US. SHE ALSO IS NOT ON IREX OR ANY OTHER LIST READILY AT HAND. NUMEROUS CALLS TO MINCULT BEFORE COB AUGUST FOUR WENT UNANSWERED,
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AND EMBASSY DID NOT WISH DELAY ABOVE INFORMATION UNTIL

MINCULT CAN CLARIFY. WILL CONTACT AGAIN AUGUST FIVE
AND ADVISE. IS NAME KNOWN TO CU OR IIE?

4. ON SOVIET NOMINEES (REF B), MINCULT SAID BIODATA
ALMOST COMPLETE AND THEY WOULD GIVE IT TO US SHORTLY.

5. ON GRAZIANO EXTENSION (REF C), MINCULT WAS UNAWARE
OF REQUEST. GOLOVKINA HAD NOT YET SENT IN EXTENSION REQUEST
AND GRAZIANO HAD NOT SUBMITTED FORMAL NOTICE. NOW THAT
MINCULT QUOTA OF TWO IS SET (AND EMBASSY WILL INSIST THT
TO COME FROM DEPT./IIE 1975-76 PANEL) IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE
THAT FORMAL REQUEST FOR EXTENSION BE MADE BY US SIDE.
MINCULT UNDERSTANDS THIS WIL BE SEPARATE FROM NEW STUDENT
QUOTA AND WILL NOT REDUCE IT. MINCULT CAUTIONED THAT WE
SHOULD NOT ASSUME REQUEST COULD BE GRANTED AUTOMATICALLY.
IF DEPT. CAN PHONE GRAZIANO TO GET DETAILS OF REQUEST (SUCH AS TIME
PERIOD) AND CONFIRM HER CONTINUED INTEREST, EMBASSY
WILL SUBMIT AIDE MEMOIRE AFTER 1975-76 PANEL CONFUSION
IS RESOLVED.
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